



Tempe Public Art



Design team artist:
Laurie Lundquist
Moore/Swick Partnership,
Ron Wortman,
Roger Smith

Rio Salado Trailhead, 1995

Flagstone, concrete, river rocks

Location: Tempe Town Lake
South Bank at Rural Road &
Rio Salado Parkway

Artist Website:
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Description: River Rock benches and sandstone paving mark the Trailhead to the Rio Salado Bikepath at Rural Road. The plaza welcomes pedestrians and bicyclists heading for the town lake park system. The presence of these river rocks is significant at this juncture because they were salvaged from the Salt River bed before the Town Lake was constructed. Art is integral to the layout and design of the trailhead and the bike paths that skirt Tempe Town Lake. As a member of the Moore/Swick design team, artist Lundquist insisted that native materials be well integrated into the overall plan, creating a trailhead that is a reflection of the historic landscape.

Artist biography: Laurie Lundquist received a certificate in Landscape Management from Penn State, a BFA from the Maine College of Art and an MFA in Sculpture from ASU. Lundquist is an environmental artist with deep interests in both the natural and engineered systems at work in the urban landscape. The desire to strengthen a “connection to place” drives her work on many levels. Lundquist will draw on land use history, cultural artifacts, geography and ecology to arrive at concepts that will resonate with a given site. She is a Tempe resident who has exhibited nationally and internationally and received numerous awards for her work. Since the 1990s, Lundquist has collaborated with architects, engineers and planners to integrate art into the overall design of numerous public projects.

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